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**PRESS RELEASE**

Glenn T. Suddaby, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, and William J. Fitzpatrick, District Attorney for Onondaga County, announced today that the Longley-Jones Management Company, Inc., with offices 1010 James Street, Syracuse, N.Y., has pled guilty to eight felonies related to 15 years of illegal asbestos removal at 98 buildings located throughout Syracuse and Dewitt, NY. Longley-Jones plead guilty to a conspiracy to violate the Clean Air Act and to commit mail fraud, as well as seven substantive Clean Air Act crimes.

The plea includes admissions by Longley-Jones that its supervisory employees and workers repeatedly failed to notify the United States Environmental Protection Agency and New York State Department of Labor of asbestos removal work that was to be performed, and thereafter removed the asbestos illegally, without adhering to a wide range of environmental, health and safety laws governing the safe and proper stripping, removal, containment, transportation and disposal of such asbestos. More specifically, LONGLEY-

JONES admitted that its supervisory employees knowingly caused asbestos to be stripped dry, bagged dry, removed without protective containment required by law and without the required air monitoring. Longley-Jones further admitted that its employees removed the asbestos without wearing respirators and they left significant quantities of dry asbestos behind on various floors for years in areas where tenants had access and utility, plumbing and maintenance people worked. Longley-Jones admitted that its employees posted no warning signs to advise tenants and others of the presence of asbestos in these areas, that they abandoned asbestos within buildings, disposed of asbestos in dumpsters intended for residential trash, caused no asbestos waste manifests to be prepared, caused asbestos to be improperly containerized and transported, and caused asbestos to be deposited at landfills that were not authorized by law to accept such waste.

The illegal activities occurred in 98 buildings owned or controlled by LONGLEY-JONES at the following locations:

	<b><u>PROPERTY NAME</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
1.	Jeditha Apartments,	1000 Bellevue Ave, Syracuse, NY
2.	Leonard A Apartments,	828 South West Street, Syracuse, NY
3.	Leonard B Apartments,	400 West Onondaga Street, Syracuse, NY
4.	Leonard C Apartments,	410 West Onondaga Street, Syracuse, NY
5.	New Kasson Apartments,	622 James Street, Syracuse, NY
6.	Roosevelt Arms,	1445 South Salina Street, Syracuse, NY
7.	Huntley Apartments,	407 Stolp Ave., Syracuse, NY
8.	Hillside Apartments,	1530 E. Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY
9.	Leavenworth Apartments,	615 James Street, Syracuse, NY
10.	Woodbine Apartments,	100-104 Woodbine Ave., Syracuse, NY
11.	Roxy Apartments,	723 West Onondaga Street, Syracuse, NY
12.	Belmore Apartments,	100 Wood Ave., Syracuse, NY

13.	Wolverine Apartments,	205 Townsend Ave., Syracuse, NY
14.	1202 South Avenue,	1202 South Ave., Syracuse, NY
15.	Ambassador Apartments,	901 Madison Avenue, Syracuse, NY
	Springfield Gardens,	Dewitt, NY, including:
16.		401 Springfield Road
17.		403 Springfield Road
18.		405 Springfield Road
19.		407 Springfield Road
20.		409 Springfield Road
21.		411 Springfield Road
22.		415 Springfield Road
23.		417 Springfield Road
24.		419 Springfield Road
25.		423 Springfield Road
26.		425 Springfield Road
27.		1 Caton Drive
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75.	76 Caton Drive
76.	New Seymour Apartments, 153 Seymour Street, Syracuse, NY. Vincent Apartments, Syracuse, NY, including:
77.	102 Roney Lane
78.	104 Roney Lane
79.	105 Roney Lane
80.	106 Roney Lane
81.	107 Roney Lane
82.	108 Roney Lane
83.	109 Roney Lane
84.	110 Roney Lane
85.	111 Roney Lane
86.	101 Smith Lane
87.	102 Smith Lane
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92.	107 Smith Lane
93.	109 Smith Lane
94.	110 Smith Lane

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| 95. |                       | 111 Smith Lane                        |
|     | Frontenac Apartments, | Genesee St., Syracuse, NY, including: |
| 96. |                       | 1802 Genesee St.                      |
| 97. |                       | 1804 Genesee St.                      |
| 98. | Skyline Apartments    | 753 James St, Syracuse, NY            |

Pursuant to a plea agreement, which must be accepted by the Court in order to take effect, Longley-Jones will be fined 1 million dollars. The company will also be required to expend an additional 3 million dollars to effectuate a full cleanup and removal of asbestos in the 98 affected buildings (almost all of such work having already been completed at the request of the United States), and must submit a broad based environmental compliance plan governing all future matters involving toxic and hazardous materials, to include new policies and procedures for handling such material, extensive training for employees, and other procedures designed to ensure that no repeat of these violations occurs in the future. The plan must be approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Court .

In addition to the corporate plea, the following individuals were charged today with New York State charges in County Court related to this matter.

John McLaughlin, 54, 105 Ferncliff Avenue, Liverpool, NY, a Longley-Jones Property Manager, has been charged with Endangering Public Health Safety or The Environment In the Third Degree, in violation of the New York State Penal Law Section 71-2712. This offense is a felony under NYS law and carries a maximum possible penalty of four years in prison and a \$150,000 fine.

Andrew Simpson, 42, 304 Main Street Minoa, NY, a former Longley-Jones Property Manager and a former Maintenance Supervisor, also was charged with Endangering Public

Health Safety or The Environment in the Third Degree, in violation of the NYS Penal Law Section 71-2712.

William L. White, 37, 121 Eureka Street, Syracuse, NY, a former maintenance supervisor, was charged with Endangering Public Health Safety or The Environment in the Fourth Degree, in violation of the NYS Penal Law Section 71-2711. This offense is a misdemeanor which carries a maximum possible penalty of one year in prison and a \$37,500 fine.

Additional individual(s) remain under investigation and further charges may be forthcoming.

Asbestos has been shown to cause various forms of cancer and asbestosis, a deadly lung disease. The United States Environmental Protection Agency has determined that there is no safe level of exposure to asbestos. For further information about the health effects of asbestos, readers may access the web site of the New York State Department of Health at: [www.health.state.ny.us](http://www.health.state.ny.us) and type in “asbestos” under the search query.

Investigation of this matter was conducted by Special Agents of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Investigators from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Assistance was further provided by employees of the New York State Department of Labor - Asbestos Control Bureau and New York State Department of Health. The Longley-Jones supervisors were prosecuted by Paul R. Berry of the Onondaga County District Attorney’s Office. Longley-Jones was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Craig A. Benedict.